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Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on June 8, 2006, **ANTHONY R. ACORD**, age 46 of Olney, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. ACORD was sentenced to 188 months imprisonment, was fined \$300, and was placed on 5 years supervised release.

ACORD had previously pleaded guilty to a three count federal superceding indictment. Count 1 charged that from or about 2002, the exact date being unknown, through on or about December 18, 2005, in Richland County, **ACORD** conspired with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury to knowingly and intentionally manufacture and distribute fifty (50) grams or more of methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B); all in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

Count 2 charged that on or about December 18, 2005, in Richland County, **ACORD** did knowingly and intentionally attempt to manufacture less than 50 grams of methamphetamine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C), and 846.

Count 3 charged that on or about December 18, 2005, in Richland County, **ACORD** did knowingly and intentionally possess equipment, chemicals, products, or materials which may be used to manufacture methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 843(a)(6).

The investigation was conducted by the Richland County Sheriff's Office pursuant to its participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors are working together to prosecute drug dealers, felons in possession of firearms, and criminals that use firearms to commit violent offenses or drug trafficking offenses in the Southern District of Illinois.

The Richland County States Attorney's Office assisted throughout the investigation.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney George Norwood.

